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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 8627

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SUBJECT: REPORTED DETENTION OF AUSTRALIAN AND AMERICAN BY
PATHET LAO

REFS: A) VIENTIANE 7601

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1. DAO HAS PRELIMINARY REPEAT PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM TWO LAO (ONE A FAR CORPORAL, THE OTHER A VIENTIANE SIDE POLICEMAN) WHO RECENTLY ESCAPED FROM PATHET LAO DETENTION IN SOUTHERN LAOS THAT TWO WESTERNERS WHOSE DETENTION WAS REPORTED REFTELS ARE AN AUSTRALIAN AND AN AMERICAN. ESCAPEES HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF BOTH MEN. ONE PHOTO HAS WRITTEN ON IT A NAME RESEMBLING THAT OF MISSING AUSTRALIAN NEIL SHARMAN, AND THE OTHER PHOTO HAS BEEN INSCRIBED WITH NAME AND ADDRESS AS FOLLOWS: "CHARLIE DEAN, 1035 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, USA."

2. INFORMATION FROM ESCAPEES INDICATES THAT BOTH MEN WERE IN GOOD HEALTH AS OF EARLY NOVEMBER AND EXPECTED TO
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BE RELEASED BY PATHET LAO IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE.

ESCAPEES BELIEVE THE TWO MEN ENTERED LAOS AT BAN HOUET
SAI, WHICH COULD EASILY EXPLAIN LACK OF IMMIGRATION RECORDS
IN VIENTIANE. INTERROGATION OF ESCAPEES IS CONTINUING.
FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. CHECK OF EMBASSY RECORDS IS NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO
"CHARLIE DEAN." HOWEVER, OUR 1968-69 WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA
(P. 566) CONTAINS ENTRY FOR ONE HOWARD BRUSH DEAN WITH
RESIDENCE AT 1035 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, AND A SON NAMED
CHARLES MAITLAND DEAN. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER
POSSIBILITY OF INVESTIGATING WHETHER THIS CHARLES DEAN
WAS TRAVELING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS OF EARLY SEPTEMBER OR HAD
FRIENDS WHO WERE DOING SO.

4. CONTENTS OF PARAS ONE AND TWO PASSED TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY.
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